

PERSONS WHO PLAY AT POLITICS HOW THE FIGHT GOES IN BOTH PARTIES



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SOME OF THE WELL KNOWN FIGURES IN AND ABOUT REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS.

UNION LABOR'S CAMPAIGN PLANS.

Will Not Name an Independent Ticket, but Fight for Their Friends.

TO HELP THE DEMOCRATS

Base Their Opposition to Roosevelt on His Course as Police Commissioner.

Organized labor in New York is preparing for an active campaign on behalf of candidates to the Legislature who are friendly to their interests. The trade unions will not form an independent political party this year, but the Workmen's Political League, made up of representatives of nearly every organized trade, will, it is said, suggest one or two candidates for the Assembly from their own ranks and ask their nomination by Tammany Hall.

At a recent meeting of the League resolutions endorsing the Democratic State

Organized labor is as deeply interested in the gubernatorial campaign as in the legislative rights. At the various headquarters yesterday much criticism of Mr. Roosevelt was heard on account of his enforcement of the Raffles law and the Sunday laws when he was Police Commis-

"I admire him personally," he said, "but his tyrannical enforcement of it

Sunday laws has turned many of the working people against him. There was nothing gained by the crusade undertaken in the name of reform during the Stroop administration. Reform is one thing and fanaticism is another. Mr. Roosevelt's extreme views on the Sunday laws did not prevent people from getting beer, but it did cause great distress by throwing people out of work in those trades where men are paid by the day. These include musicians, bartenders and waiters."

Colonel Roosevelt's inconsistency will be his Police Commissioner allocate workingmen from him. His war record will figure in the campaign with workingmen any more than the charges of tax dodging. It is by his record as Police Commissioner that he will be judged. The poor saloon keepers were driven to the wall, while larger places flourished. What he was careful to protect workingmen from

getting a drink of beer or even ginger ale on Sundays he was careless about the journeyman barbers and allowed the barbers to violate the Sunday law by keeping open. There is more liberty now. Justice Van Wyck is a clean man in every way, and the most hostile newspapers have not been able to point to a single thing against him."

Henry Melsel, delegate of the Bartenders' Union and a prominent member of the Workingmen's Political League, said

thought organized labor would generally support Van Wyck. "Roosevelt's strong point before he fell into the hands of Platt," he said, "was that he was a man of independent character who would refuse to be the tool of any political machine. His fall from grace in this respect will cost him a great many votes of men who are admirers of him."

Delegate J. J. Quinn, of the Electrical Workers' Union, said he was going to work for Van Wyck, and he declared that nearly all the members of his union would vote the Democratic ticket.

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